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1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/8/2008 has been entered.

2. Upon review of the amendment to claim 1 wherein the limitations of claim 65 have been incorporated it is noted that the configuration of the annular member has become indefinite when the limitations of claims 5, 23, and 26 are introduced.

Fig. 8 illustrates newly amended 1, however an illustration of claims 5, 23, and 26. Prior to examination of the claims, applicant is urged to contact the examiner to discuss the annular member and how it is now configured.

Since this is a bonfide attempt to reply to the last action, applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to correct the deficiency(ies). THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

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